SUBJECT No. 120.

Sale of lands for arrears of revenue.

(1) Mr. M. Venkatramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

(2) Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The liability of the purchaser for the assessment of a land sold for arrears of revenue begins from the date of the sale. But as such sales are not generally confirmed within a reasonable time, the purchaser is put to heavy loss. It is prayed that a rule may be framed to the effect, that if the sale be not confirmed within a fixed time, the purchaser should not be held liable for the assessment for that year.

(2) When there are several hissedars for lands in one khate, the default in payment of revenue by any of them entails loss on the others. If they pay the Government revenue due by the defaulter, it is difficult to get it back, and if they do not pay, their land also is sold. It may therefore be ordered that only the defaulter's portion may be sold for arrears of revenue.

Reply of Government.—(1) The matter is under consideration.

(2) Sections 77 and 78 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code afford the necessary facilities for recovery of the amounts so paid and in some cases even for delivery of possession of the defaulter's share to the other shareholders, when the default is fraudulently made.

SUBJECT No. 121.

Relinquishment of lands.

Mr. Surasastri, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The time for submitting applications for the relinquishment of lands may be extended to the end of April. The *mungar* showers fall in April. It is only then that ryots can have some idea as to the prospects of the season and whether it is desirable to retain the land. Before a relinquishment is accepted, the *kandayam* for the year is recovered and so even if the land is not immediately taken up, there is no loss to Government. By extending the period by a month there can be no real inconvenience to future applicants for the land, as they will still have time before the rains fully set in to begin the cultivation of the land. Under the old rules relinquishments were accepted till the end of April.

Mr. Chikramanna.—The present practice is more convenient as, by the time it becomes known that the land is relinquished and a *darkhast* is put in, the favourable season will have passed away.

Reply of Government.—Section 71 of the Land Revenue Code contemplates a different period being fixed for each district to suit special circumstances. The Deputy Commissioners will be consulted as to whether any alteration of the time for submitting applications for relinquishments is necessary.